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DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 1935 Comm'r Dec. 11 (1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on February 8, 2002 has been entered.

In the RCE, applicants have provided US 6,251,828 for the Examiner to consider. The Examiner noticed that claim 1 of '828 contains overlapping subject matter with claim 1 of the present application. Because the information regarding the effective filing date of the present application is unclear in relation to the effective filing of the patent, a declaration of interference may be appropriate. Applicants are required to certify their earliest filing date.

The following subject matter from U.S. Patent No. 6,251,828 appears to interfere:

a compound of formula (I), wherein R6 represents one of the groupings below C(R7,R8)-C(R7R8)-R9 or -C(R7)=C(R8)-R9.

In an Interference with a patent, claim 1 of the patent usually becomes Count 1 of the Interference. Applicants should copy, in an independent claim, as much of claim 1 of the patent they wish to be enjoined with.

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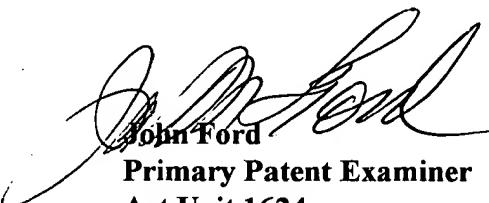
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The copied claim will be said to correspond substantially to the Count.

Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication to copy a patent claim. Failure to do so will be considered a concession that the subject matter of this claim is the prior invention of another under 35 U.S.C. 102(g), and thus also prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) (In re Oguie, 517 F.2d 1382, 186 USPQ 227 (CCPA 1975)), but will not result in the abandonment of this application. THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136 DO NOT APPLY TO THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THIS ACTION.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Hong Liu whose telephone number is (703) 306-5814. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by the phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached at (703) 308-4716. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 308-4734 for "unofficial" purposes and the actual number for **official** business is (703) 308-4556. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose number is (703) 308-1235.

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